

June 5, 2003

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From: David E. Janssen
Chief Administrative Officer

COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP - STATUS REPORT NO. 3

On October 8, 2002, your Board instructed the Chief Administrative Officer to convene a working group of County departments (Land Development Task Force) to review various recommendations outlined in the La Vina Land Development Project Review and report back to your Board with recommendations to enhance the land development process in Los Angeles County.

The Land Development Task Force (LDTF), composed of representatives from the Chief Information Office, County Counsel, Fire Department, Health Services, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Regional Planning, and CAO, met on December 11, 2002 and formed two work groups. The two work groups created by the LDTF to address specific land development issues, the Process Work Group and Performance Bond Work Group, have continued to meet to identify, analyze, and develop recommendations for compilation and subsequent consideration by the LDTF. The Performance Bond Work Group developed several recommendations designed to enhance developer accountability and provide for more effective enforcement of County-approved conditions. The Process Work Group continues to address several key issues including an effort to compile a comprehensive set of land development conditions, including standard text and monitoring mechanisms, which will be published in the form of a guideline for applicants.

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In addition, the LDTF held its second meeting on May 1, 2003. The Task Force concluded that a full-day workshop would provide for an effective opportunity to address land development issues in a focused and resourceful manner. The workshop will cover key land development processes, including opportunities to optimize the implementation of the County's new development and permit management system, and will involve staff from affected County departments and Board offices. In preparation of the workshop, the Task Force arranged to obtain input from the land development community, key staff, and management from involved County departments, and gathered information on best practices from other jurisdictions. The workshop is scheduled to be held June 5, 2003.

We will continue to provide your Board with additional status reports on a quarterly basis or as needed to effectively communicate the progress of the Task Force. If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact me or your staff my contact Lari Sheehan of my staff at (213) 974-1174.

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